

City of Renton - Board of Park Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2016

4:30 p.m. Renton City Hall – Conference Room #726

1. CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance:

Members: Troy Wigestrang, Cynthia Burns, Al Dieckman, Mike O'Donin, Larry Reymann, Tim Searing, and Marlene Winter.

City Staff: Kris Stimpson, Leslie Betlach, Cailín Hunsaker, Terry Flatley, Sean Claggett, and Roberta Graver

Guests: Police Commander Kevin Keyes

Chair, Troy Wigestrang, called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. Roll call was taken. Avni Mungra was excused.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Cynthia Burns made a motion, seconded by Al Dieckman to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor; motion carried; the agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cynthia Burns made a motion and Marlene Winter seconded to approve the March 8, 2016 minutes presented. All were in favor; motion carried; the minutes were approved.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kris Stimpson introduced the new Parks and Golf Course Director, Cailín Hunsaker and guest presenter, Sean Claggett, Recreation Coordinator for the Special Populations program.

5. BOARD COMMUNICATION

City Center Plan— Nothing new.

Student Report — None.

Trail Ranger Program — Al Dieckman shared an update on the program. April 7th, the Pre-Rangering Meeting was held; 13 rangers on the roster. This will provide a couple of trail crews with some possible foot patrols at Coulon starting around the 18th (Monday through Saturday schedules). Group discussed concerns about the speeding cyclists. Suggestion was presented to track trends of speeding, related weather, number of citations, and other incidents.

6. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Leslie Betlach shared that she and Michael Kirk, Facilities Director will be presenting the 2016 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) to the Council Committee of the Whole on Monday, April 25th

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

- **Urban Forestry, Terry Flatley** – Terry presented highlights of the Urban Forestry program: 8th year Renton has been named a Tree City USA, 6th year as Growth Award. On April 25th, he will present the city council with these awards. April 30th is an Arbor Day Earth Day celebration at Cedar River Park where 70 trees, 100 shrubs and 100 day lilies will be planted. He also manages a CIP tree planting program that replaces trees that have been removed (poor health, wrong species, negatively impacting surrounding area). The tree maintenance program projects for 2016 include replacing lifted grates and removing dead trees. The “Honey Creek Ridge” project will be in conjunction with the Public Works department. Fifty-three trees have been identified around the city for pruning to be completed by summer. The creation of the Street Tree Ordinance is a combined effort with the Community and Economic Development department and will be presented to the city council this fall. An arborist will be on contract from the Davey Resource Group commencing May 1st. The 2016 Priorities are: #1 Tree Removals, the 2017/2018 Budget, Implementing __, the 2017/2018 Tree Planting Program, Becoming Certified and passage of the Street Tree Ordinance.
- **Recreation Special Populations Program, Sean Claggett** – He shared a slideshow of recent events, programs and participants. Basketball just finished with four teams competing at State (in Wenatchee) with soccer, track and cycling starting up soon. Special Olympics run year round with basketball in the winter, softball in the spring, flag football in the summer, and golf and bocce in the fall. Club Thursday has been active since 1979 with a current average of 100 participants. The monthly dance is also a very popular event. Program currently has 300 on the mailing list and Sean says he knows each one personally, because most participate in many, if not all, the events/classes/field trips. Key to program is volunteers, no-age restrictions (currently active members range from 8-71 years old) and the mainstay focus of being a ‘social’ program. Yes, they’re competitive, but inclusiveness and socializing is at the core.

8. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Kris introduced the new Parks and Golf Course Director, Cailín Hunsaker who shared about herself and goals for the division. Leslie gave a quick update on the Sunset Park Development. April 11th, the City Council approved the consultant contract for Phase 1 design services, with the project being bid in spring 2017. In addition, and three grants are being prepared for acquisition and development. Construction of Phase 1 will take place in 2017 and Phase 2 in 2018, with final completion of the 3.1 acre park approximately in 2020. The estimated cost upon completion is slightly over six million dollars.

9. INFORMATION

- Container Garden planting at City Hall on April 19th at 3:30pm.
- Cynthia Burns has agreed to be the Park Board representative on the Benson Hill Advisory Board.
- A Park Board group photo will be taken in front of City Hall at the May meeting.

10. OLD BUSINESS – none

11. CORRESPONDENCE- none

12. INFORMATION

- Seahawk 12K/ Glow 5K at The Landing - April 17th
- Kris shared registration statistics with comparisons to 2015 and recap of the Part-Time/Seasonal Job Fair, March 5th.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Larry Reymann and seconded by Tim Searing to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.



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